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To: California Mentor Center  
State Mentor Program Coordinators  
Young Men as Fathers Programs  
State PTA  
Volunteers in Parole Coordinators  
Youth Centers and Shelters  
Match Two

I am pleased to announce a nomination solicitation for the first Annual California Youth Authority (CYA) Mentoring Awards to be presented on September 14, 1998 at the Governor's Mentoring Conference. The conference will be held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California.

Senate Bill 1204 authored by Senator Adam Schiff, directs the CYA to annually recognize exemplary Californians who are involved in youth mentoring.

Enclosed you will find an awards nomination package, an information sheet with specific awards criteria, and a nomination form. Those chosen for the award will need to cover their own transportation and other costs.

Nominations for these awards provide a wonderful opportunity to recognize individuals who have made a significant contribution to youth mentoring programs and I encourage your attention to this solicitation.

The submission due date is July 17, 1998 to Chiquita A. Sipos, Prevention and Victims Specialist, California Youth Authority-Office of Prevention and Victims Services, 741 Glenvia Street, 2nd Floor, Glendale, CA 91206. If you have questions or concerns please contact Ms. Sipos, at (818) 551-2103, or by pager (213) 717-6524.

Sincerely,

  
Francisco J. Alarcon  
Director

cc. Senator Adam Schiff

Enclosures